

The regular meeting of the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board was held on December 10, 1975 with the following members present: Robert F. Fields, Bruce Osborn, William Vanderveen, Robert L. Martin, Fred Hoffman and Gladys Ridder. Also joining our Board was Carroll Beeson, Don Yount and Sam Boots from the Montgomery County Surveyor's office and Drainage Board.

Upon the reading of the minutes of the November 26th, 1975 called meeting, Robert F. Fields moved to accept the minutes as read. Bruce Osborn seconded that motion and William Vanderveen made it unanimous.

Robert Fields opened the maintenance hearing on the John Lofland ditch (including Miller and McBeth branches) and asked the Surveyor for his report and recommendation. Don Smith, tenant for Elizabeth Steele, reported the McBeth branch was in need of reconstruction. The attorney explained to him that that would be a new hearing. Mr. Martin felt we should start at the outlet and work on the other branches as time would allow. The Kellerman-Leaming watershed that is the outlet for many branches such as Romney Stock Farm, Lofland, Fugate, Kirkpatrick, Morin, etc., needs to be dredged first and then as the outlet is made operational then take care of the branches according to those most in need.

Those in attendance were: Isaac Bercovitz, Jack DeVault, Don Smith and Larry Bennett.

All in attendance had one thing in common and that was to get something started in the area before things got any worse. In the years past nothing had been done and all felt the time to do something was now!

The Drainage Board instructed the Surveyor to get the necessary engineering work done and hold a hearing for reconstruction as soon as the figures are available.

Richard Donahue, Attorney for Robert Gurnick, came before the Board and asked the Board to remove a dam on the right-of-way of the S. W. Elliott ditch. The "dam" had been caused by Maurice House's tenant plowing too close to the ditch.

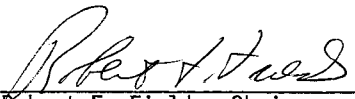
The Drainage Board said they had taken the advice of the County Attorney inasmuch as this was a legal problem and not one of the Drainage Board. The S. W. Elliott ditch had not been damaged in any way, only the run-off water could not get to it because of the earthen dam.

E. Eugene Johnson came before the Board with a request to replace approximately 1000 feet of tile on the Chas. Daugherty ditch and replace it in a new location close to the legal drain but in a place where the coverage would be better. It was discussed as to whether Mr. Johnson would take it upon himself with the hope of collecting from the others involved or ask the Surveyor to set up a reconstruction hearing. To relocate the ditch to acquire greater fall and coverage, as was suggested by the SCS office, was also discussed and the Board said that could be done at the reconstruction hearing.

Mr. Martin said he would meet with Mr. Jack Wisley and Mr. Johnson at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday so they could discuss it further.

Mr. Arthur Waddell came before the Board and said a year ago he had carried a petition to reconstruct a branch of the Jesse B. Anderson ditch and the Board had instructed the former surveyor to do the necessary engineering. The Board reiterated that request to the new surveyor and when the work is done and estimates ready to hold a reconstruction hearing according to benefits and damages.

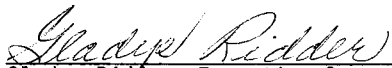
Upon the motion of Robert Fields, seconded by Bruce Osborn and made unanimous by William Vanderveen the Board adjourned.


Robert F. Fields, Chairman


William Vanderveen, Vice Chairman


Bruce Osborn, Board Member

ATTEST:


Gladys Ridder, Executive Secretary